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SUBJECT GBPP GUINEA -- MEETING OF DONORS

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1. GUINEAN MIN LIVESTOCK, DR. KEKOURA CAMARA, AT EMBASSY SUGGESTION, HELD MEETING OF DONORS ON DEC 10 TO COORDINATE EFFORTS IN SUBJECT CAMPAIGN. OTHER DONORS REPRESENTED WERE FAO (PEARSON, REP FOR GUINEA AND GUINEA-BISSAU) AND WHO (DR. PANSINI, REP FOR GUINEA).

2. DR. CAMARA OPENED MEETING NOTING THAT UNDP/FAO ALREADY HAD PROGRAM IN GUINEA PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR AGAINST PLEURO-PNEUMONIA. SOME ADVANCE PLANNING ALREADY UNDERWAY IN PREPARATION FOR LONGTERM PROGRAM WHICH SCHEDULED LAST 3 YEARS. HOWEVER, PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF RECENT USAID VISIT IN HAUTE-GUINEE, URGENCY OF IMMEDIATE CAMPAIGN HAD JUST BECOME APPARENT. GOG THEREFORE HOPES TO INNOCULATE LIVESTOCK IN AFFECTED
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AREAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IS READY TO GET GOING AS SOON

AS SUPPLIES ARRIVE. CAMARA MADE SPECIAL POINT THANK EMBASSY AND USWAD FOR THEIR EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN.

3. PURPOSE OF PRESENT MEETING, WHICH HE NOTED WAS AT US EMBASSY INITIATIVE, WAS TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS AMONG DONORS AND TO SET FORTH GUINEA'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND STATUS OF CAMPAIGN SO FAR. BASIC PROBLEM WAS BUDGETARY; THOUGH CAMPAIGN PLANNED NEXT YEAR, MIN LIVESTOCK HAS VIRTUALLY NO FUNDS FOR PRESENT EMERGENCY EFFORT.

4. VACCINE: GUINEA'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARE FOR 500,000 DOSES. THEY HAD ORDERED 200,000 DOSES SOMETIME PREVIOUSLY FROM LABORATORY IN CHAD, BUT BELIEVED THAT THIS ORDER WOULD NOT BE FILLED. QUITE UNEXPECTEDLY, HOWEVER, THE 200,000 DOSES ARRIVED SEVERAL DAYS AGO. HE NOTED THAT 100,000 ADDITIONAL DOSES OF T-1 VACCINE WERE COMING FROM BAMAKO AS US EMBASSY HAD INFORMED HIM. THIS WAS IN FACT SAME TYPE OF VACCINE RECEIVED FROM CHAD. DR. CAMARA (WHO IS HIMSELF A VETERINARIAN) BELIEVES THAT THIS TYPE VACCINE, THOUGH REPORTEDLY MORE EFFECTIVE, IS CONSIDERABLY STRONGER THAN OTHER TYPES. THEREFORE HE WISHES TO CARRY OUT SOME INITIAL TESTING ON GUINEA'S SMALL N'DAMA CATTLE BEFORE FULLSCALE CAMPAIGN GETS UNDERWAY. HE REQUESTED THAT NO MORE VACCINE BE ORDERED AT THIS TIME UNTIL RESULTS OF TESTS ARE IN. MR. PEARSON, FAO REP, TOLD DR. CAMARA THAT FAO IS PREPARED TO ORDER ADDITIONAL VACCINE WHEN DR. CAMARA GIVES SIGNAL.

5. SYRINGES. WE CONFIRMED TO GOG THAT WE HAD ORDERED PER THEIR REQUEST 50 SYRINGES OF 10CC AND 50 OF 5CC (CONARKY 1838). WE TOLD HIM WE WOULD CHECK ON STATUS OF THIS ORDER AND LET HIM KNOW ASAP (CONAKV 1871 TO DAKAR).

6. REFRIGERATORS. DR. CAMARA SAID THAT GUINEA'S NEEDS IN REFRIGERATORS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED. EMBASSY INFORMED HIM ONCE AGAIN THAT 4 REFRIGERATORS ALREADY PURCHASED AND AVAILABLE IN FREETOWN AND WERE AWAITING ONLY TRANSPORTATION TO BE PROVIDED BY GOG. FAO REP SAID HE WOULD ORDER ADDITIONAL REFRIGERATORS AS NEEDED BY GOG. WE SUGGESTED FAO DO THIS FROM FREETWON, SINCE FROM OUR EXPERIENCE THIS ONLY WEST AFRICAN CITY WHERE GAS REFRIGERATORS

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PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.

7. ICE CHESTS. DR. CAMARA CONFIRMED THAT AT LEAST 10 ICE CHESTS WOULD BE NEEDED. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, CONSENSUS OF MEETING WAS THAT LARGE ICE CHEST OF 25 KILO CAPACITY WOULD BE BEST. WE TOLD DR. CAMARA THAT WE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE 10 ICE CHESTS.

8. VEHICLES. DR. CAMARA SAID THAT VEHICLES ARE MAJOR PROBLEM AT PRESENT. MIN LIVESTOCK HAS NO VEHICLES IN GOOD ENOUGH WORKING ORDER FOR CAMPAIGN. THEIR LONGTERM NEEDS ARE 12 AND DR. CAMARA ASKED FOR 6 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE NOTED THAT UNDP CONAKRY HAD ALREADY PROMISED TO LOAN THEM ONE LANDROVER FOR CAMPAIGN. FAO REP SAID SECOND LANDROVER COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. HE ALSO SAID THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY, USING FAO EMERGENCY FUNDS, OF PURCHASING SOME VEHICLES. HE SAID HE WOULD CHECK IMMEDIATELY. DR. PANSINI, WHO REP, HAD ORIGINALLY PROMISED LEND LANDROVER BUT REPORTED WHO VEHICLES IN CONAKRY NOT IN GOOD CONDITION AND PROBABLY UNSUITABLE FOR CAMPAIGN. HE WOULD LOOK FURTEHER INTO IT, HOWEVER. (DR. PANSINI HAS ALSO PROMISED TO SUPPLY BOTTLED GAS FOR REFRIGERATORS.) CAMARA ASKED IF EMBASSY/USAID UNDP, FAO COULD GIVE FURTHER HELP OBTAINING VEHICLES. WE PROMISED WOULD REVIEW MATTER AND WOULD REPORT FURTHER.

8. GASOLINE. MIN LIVESTOCK HAS NO FUNDS BUDGETED THIS YEAR FOR GASOLINE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY WAY ANY OF THE DONORS COULD HELP WITH GASOLINE. ESTIMATED NEEDS ARE 30,000 LITERS. THESE EXPENSES WOULD ALL BE IN SYLIS. (COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL INVESTIGATE WITH GOG POSSIBILITY SYONG GUINEAN-OWNED PL480 EXCESS CURRENCY FOR THIS PURPOSE.)
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